

**Agenda Item No: 8 (f)**

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**12 July 2016**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services**

**OUTCOME OF THE INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL FOR A  
NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AT BOULTON MOOR AND AT DRAKELOW PARK  
- (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)**

- 1. Purpose of Report** To report to Cabinet the outcome of the initial consultation on the proposal to open a new school at the developments known as Boulton Moor and Drakelow Park, both in South Derbyshire
- 2. Information and Analysis**

At its meeting on 21 November 2015, Cabinet approved a consultation on a proposal to open two new primary schools on major developments in South Derbyshire. During the consultation period, no responses were received. The locations in which the schools will be delivered are currently undeveloped and with no population. Other local schools were approached for their comments and the consultation document was made available on the County Council's website. The fact that no responses have been received could be interpreted to indicate general support of the proposal in principle. There will be opportunities for further discussion with local communities as the individual schools are designed and developed, since the legislative process requires further discussion and consultation.

The next step in the process will be for the Authority to invite 'expressions of interest' from potential academy sponsors. The process will be the same as that previously followed with respect to proposed primary schools in Hilton and at Chellaston Fields which were the subject of a report to Cabinet on 15 March 2016.

- 3. Financial Considerations**

The developer of each site has entered into S106 agreements requiring them to provide a one-form entry school with the land available for it to grow into a two-form entry primary school as required. This would be

accomplished in a phased growth to meet the demand for places from those moving into the new homes of these developments. The Authority will be required to provide start-up revenue funding from the Dedicated Schools Grant for the Academy to support it as its numbers increase. A further report will be presented to determine the amount of funding that will be required.

#### **4. Legal Considerations**

The Education Act 2011 requires Local Authorities to seek proposals to establish an academy / a free school where it thinks there is a need for a new school in its area. The Authority has no choice in following this route for a new school.

#### **5. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered – prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, health, human rights, human resources, environmental, transport, and property considerations.

#### **6. Key Decision**

Yes

#### **7. Call-in**

Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report? No.

#### **8. Background Papers**

A file is held in the Children's Services Development Team office which holds information on the responses to the consultation.

#### **9. Strategic Director's Recommendations**

That the fact that no responses to the consultation on a proposed new primary school at Boulton Moor and at Drakelow Park be noted; and

That Cabinet approves the initiation of the process to seek a sponsor for the new schools by issuing an invitation to potential sponsors to submit an expression of interest. .

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